AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head comprising:

e-DC erase head <u>means</u> for magnetizing a servo band of a magnetic tape in one of <u>two</u> longitudinal directions of said magnetic tape with contacting the magnetic tape that is running; and

e-servo write head <u>means</u> for magnetizing a servo signal in a reverse direction for <u>of</u> said one <u>direction direction</u>, and <u>for</u> writing the servo signal on said servo band <u>magnetized in the one</u> direction, with contacting said magnetic tape,

wherein said DC erase head and said servo write head are integrally configured through a non-magnetic body, and

wherein a DC erase head gap of said DC erase head and a servo write head gap of said servo write head are aligned in said longitudinal directions, and are simultaneously formed with one mask by a photolithography method.

- (canceled).
- 3. (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein a first base member has a coil groove where a coil is wound, and on an inner circumference face thereof, a magnetic layer is formed by a sputtering method.

- 4. (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein a first base member has a coil groove where a coil is wound, and on an inner circumference face thereof, a magnetic layer is formed by a plating method.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein a DC erase head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 3, wherein a DC erase head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 4, wherein a DC erase head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 3, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 4, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 5, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 6, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.
- (original): A combined magnetic head according to claim 7, wherein a servo write head gap is formed of silica.

- 14. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein a magnetic layer, magnetic film, and surface magnetic layer of said DC erase head are formed of any of Permalloy, Sendust, Alperm, PERMALLOY, SENDUST, ALPERM, and an amorphous alloy.
- 15. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 3, wherein a magnetic layer, magnetic film, and surface magnetic layer of said DC erase head are formed of any of Permalloy, Sendust, Alperm, PERMALLOY, SENDUST, ALPERM, and an amorphous alloy.
- 16. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 4, wherein a magnetic layer, magnetic film, and surface magnetic layer of said DC erase head are formed of any of Permalloy, Sendust, Alperm, PERMALLOY, SENDUST, ALPERM, and an amorphous alloy.
- 17. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 5, wherein a magnetic layer, magnetic film, and surface magnetic layer of said DC erase head are formed of any of Permalloy, Sendust, Alperm, PERMALLOY, SENDUST, ALPERM, and an amorphous alloy.
- 18. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein said non-magnetic body is formed of any of AITiC, titan-oxide-calcium titanate, and non-magnetic ferrite.

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- 19. (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 3, wherein said non-magnetic body is formed of any of AITiC, titan-oxide-calcium titanate, and non-magnetic ferrite.
- (currently amended): A combined magnetic head according to claim 4, wherein said non-magnetic body is formed of any of AITiC, titan-oxide-calcium titanate, and non-magnetic ferrite.
- 21. (new): A combined magnetic head according to claim 1, wherein said DC erase head is located upstream of said servo write head relative to said one direction.